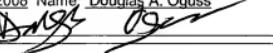


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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 13, 2008, applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response to June 13, 2008. Applicants have timely filed this Response electronically within the 1-month extension period. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to grant allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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